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TARRIF GROUP FOR AFRICA, KINSHASA, FEB 12-20, 1975

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1. CCITT DIRECTOR CROZE PROVIDED TEL ATT WITH REVISED AGENDA OF AND
BRIEFING ON ITU PLAN COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN
KINSHASA, ZAIRE, FROM FEB 12-20, 1975, AND SAID THAT 13
TEMPORARY DOCUMENTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATES AT OPENING OF
MEETING. TEL ATT INFORMED CROZE OF NAMES OF THREE-MAN US DELEGATION
TO THE MEETING. (REF B).

2. REVISED AGENDA FOLLOWS:

1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE'S COORDINATION COMMITTEE;

2. ANALYTICAL EXAMINATION OF REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE PLAN
AF-1975 (WORKING DOCUMENT NO. 2);

3. POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE GUIDE AND QUESTIONNAIRE;
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4. METHOD OF PRESENTATION OF DATA IN THE AFRICAN PLAN BOOK
(WORKING DOCUMENT NO. 5);

5. EXAMINATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS SENT BY THE FOLLOWING
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: A. WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
(WMO) (CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN PLAN NO. 2); B. INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) (CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN PLAN
NO. 3 AND CORRIGENDUM ADDITION); AND C. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT
ASSOCIATION (IATA).

6. GENERAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE REGION.

6.1--NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION PLANS;

6.2--THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATION PLAN (PANAFTEL);

7. FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE (WORKING DOCUMENTS NOS. 3 AND 4);

8. FUTURE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COORDINATION
COMMITTEE (WORKING DOCUMENTS NOS. 6, 7 AND 8);

9. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY THE CC.I.S (WORKING DOCUMENTS NOS. 9,
10, 11, 12 AND 13);

10. OTHER BUSINESS.

3. CROZE NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT INVITED AFRICAN NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS TO ATTEND THE PLAN COMMITTEE BUT THAT CHAIRMAN DIA (SENEGAL
)
OR THE HOST GOVERNMENT (ZAIRE) MIGHT DO SO. IF POLITICAL QUESTIONS
ARISE DURING THE MEETING, IT IS CROZE'S HOPE SIMPLY TO TABLE THE
PROPOSALS AND TAKE NO ACTION ON GROUNDS COMMITTEE NOT COMPETENT TO
CONSIDER POLITICAL MATTERS.

4. DISCUSSING SIGNIFICANT ITEMS OF THE AGENDA, CROZE SINGLED
OUT THAT A NEW MANDATE FOR THE PLAN COMMITTEE'S COORDINATION
COMMITTEE (ITEM 1) AS MOST IMPORTANT AND EXPRESSED HOPE
COMMITTEE WOULD ACCEPT SAME FORM FOR AFRICAN PLAN BOOK AS
THAT ADOPTED BY THE ASIANS AT THEIR RECENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
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IN TOKYO (ITEM 4). HE ADDED THAT AMONG QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ARISE
UNDER ITEM 10 "OTHER BUSINESS", WAS CONSIDERATION OF THE
POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP AN AFRICAN REGIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEM.
COMMENT: SPONSORS OF THE EUROPEAN "SYMPHONIE" SATELLITE PROJECT
ARE KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED IN "SELLING PARTICIPATION
IN THEIR PROJECT TO THE AFRICANS, SO THAT IT IS POSSIBLE REPRESENT-
TATIVES OF THAT PROJECT WILL BE PRESENT IN KINSHASA DURING SESSION
OR WILL ATTEND MEETING AS OBSERVERS.

5. AS CROZE HAS BEEN HAVING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN FIRING
UP MEETING ARRANGEMENTS, HOTEL HOUSING AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE
DETAILS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT, SUGGEST CHIEF OF US DEL
(REF B) ASK EMBASSY, KINSHASA, TO CONFIRM US DEL HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

6. AS FINAL NOTE, DEPT WILL RECALL (REFS C AND D) THAT ITU DSYG
BUTLER WILL BE COMING TO DEPT SOMETIME DURING PERIOD JAN 29-31
TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, FUTURE OF THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEE.
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